(b) if so, the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Expenditure on Security set-up at Delhi Airport

3828. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of security lapses have taken place at Delhi international and domestic airport in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether recent survey conducted jointly by Airport police and Bureau of Civil Aviation has revealed that Delhi's international and domestic airport was extremely prone to security lapses;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating *inter alia* the measures suggested by the joint team to eliminate those lapses;

(e) the action proposed to be taken to implement the suggestions of the joint team; and

(f) the expenditure involved in the revamp of security set-up at Delhi airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) During the last 3 years, there have been no major security lapses at IGI Airport, Delhi. The minor security lapses that have been noticed at the airport, relate to trespassing.

(c) and (d) Security arrangements are regularly surveyed both jointly as well as independently by representatives of various agencies concerned with the security of airport. No major lapses have been noticed. Need for sufficient illumination at perimeter and posts, strengthening of perimeter wall and patrolling around perimeter wall, was suggested.

(e) and (f) (i) Additional Quick Reaction Teams(QRTs) have been deployed, (ii) Patroll ing and guarding of perimeter wall has been strengthened, and (iii) Steps have been taken for strengthening illumination around perimeter wall. During 2000-01, Rs.21.47 crores was incurred on security set up.

Addition to AI Fleet

3829. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not a single aircraft has been added to the fleet of Air India since long;

(b) if so, whether the non-acquisition of aircraft in the fleet of Air India has an adverse effect on its revenue income;

(c) if so, the present financial position of Air India; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make Air India viable?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Though Air India has not purchased any new aircraft since 1997, yet they have recently inducted 4 A310-300 aircraft on drylease with a view to augment its routes and passengers carrying capacity.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Air India is estimated to incur a loss of less than fifty crores during the year 2000-01. This is mainly due to increase in fuel prices. If there had been no increase in fuel prices, they could have achieved a profit of about Rs.200 crores in 2000-01. During the year 2001-02, the net profit is projected at Rs.21.50 crores. Air India has taken various steps to make them viable such as (i) freeze on external recruitment in non-operational categories; (ii) Several posts of India-based officers abroad have been abolished; (iii) Rolling back of retirement age from 60 to 58 years; (iv) Redeployment of employees from non-operational areas; (v) Two voluntary schemes have been notified *viz.* shorter working scheme and leave without pay and allowance scheme for a period of two years extendable upto five years.